GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6182
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
IMPORT OF PLYWOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of plywood imported in the country during the last three year along with the foreign exchange involved thereon;

(b) whether the domestic plywood industry is in crisis following the import of plywood in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons for importing plywood despite huge stock of plywood available in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to save the plywood industry of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) As per Annexure.

(b) to (d) : The import of plywood has been free since prior to 1.4.1996 from the point of view of reducing pressure on our forests. However, import of plywood has been declining in value terms as is evident from the figures in annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6182, FOR REPL
27.4.2001, REGARDING IMPORT OF PLY WOOD.

Statement showing import of plywood during 1998-99,1999-2000 & 2000-2001 (upto Nov.2000)

(Value Rs. Lakhs)

		1998-99		1999-2000 (upto Nov.2000)		2000-2001	
	Unit	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Decorative plywood	CUM	16307	2443.70	17735	1633.45	10960	1050.26
Plastic Laminated plywood	Kg.	5273302	1300.66	2911376	790.31	891401	355.15
TOTAL			3744.36		2423.76		1405.41